(c) and (d). For the month of November, 1991, the allocations of rice, wheat, imported edible oil and levy sugar were maintained more or less at the same levels as in the month of October, 1991. the Central government has made an advance allocation of 26,000 tonnes of rice to the State of Tamil Nadu in the month of December, 1991 in addition to the monthly allocation of 65,000 tonnes for December, 1991, taking into consideration among other factors, the effects of the recent cyclone.

[*Translation*]

Reservation of Posts for Rural People in IAS

4341. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to reserve 15 per cent of the posts in the Indian Administrative Service for the people of rural regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such reservation based on region will not be constitutionally valid.

[English]

Visit of CBI Officers to Foreign Countries

4342 SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officers of Central Bureau of Investigation visited foreign countries during the years 1989, 1990 and upto November 1991 for investigating the cases registered in India;

(b) the number of cases which were investigated and in how many cases conviction was obtained; and

(c) how much foreign exchange was spent on their visits, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) 14, 25 and 18 officers of Central Bureau of Investigation visited foreign countries during 1989, 1990 and upto November, 1991 respectively for investigating cases registered in India.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Expenditure incurred in foreign exchange during the years 1989, 1990 and upto November, 1991 was US $ 8423, 18932 and 11219 respectively.

Import and production of Rifampicin

4343. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the installed capacity for the production of Rifampicin in the country and the estimated demand;

(b) the particulars of the Rifampicin manufacturers in the country;

(c) the quantity of Rifampicin imported during the last three years, years-wise,

(d) the quantity of Rifampicin actually produced during the last three years, year-wise; and